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Dear subscribers,

Dossier 4 is as mixed a bag as ever. It's a pity about the quality of the copying of the Baxter-Davis item, but when you're working from a 17th century original, there are limits as to how rough you can be with the book !

There seems to be no end to the material which can be found in books and periodicals from the past ; however, it ought to be set alongside material from our own time, and I do urge you all to keep your eyes open for articles in current scientific journals which could have a relevance to our field of interest.

A lot has happened in anomaly research this year. An event which involved many **Bolide** contributors was BUFORA's publication **UFOs 1947-1987**, which contains important articles on **UFOs as natural phenomena** (Chris Rutkowski) and **British spooklights** (David Clarke & Granville Oldroyd). These and other contributions to the book indicated the interdisciplinary nature of all anomaly research - and of BOLs in particular. If one thing emerges above all from the varied contents of our dossiers, it is that BOLs are all things to all men ; not simply a phenomenon/range of phenomena in their own right, but also some kind of catalyst for other phenomena.

Is this because they are archetypal in the Jungian sense ? or because they are primordial in their physical make-up ? or both ? All thoughts and comments welcomed !

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All good wishes to you all, and thanks for your support and your contributions.

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*especially to
you for so many good
ideas !*

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